

Parker May Make His Letter Short

TERSENESS AND ABILITY TO GO STRAIGHT TO POINT.

Strong Characteristics of Democratic Candidate—Roosevelt's Letter Will Be Voluminous Affair—Callers at Esopus Bring Encouraging News.

Esopus, Sept. 7.—After his visit to the County Fair yesterday Mr. Parker spent today quietly reconstructing his letter of acceptance and attending to campaign details.

The newspaper announcements that President Roosevelt's letter will consist of 12,000 words, or more than a newspaper page, has resulted in many appeals to Mr. Parker to cut his letter down and make it a short campaign document.

Many of Mr. Parker's friends here have told him that his speech of acceptance would have gained in force if the same ideas had been expressed in few words and shorter sentences. Mr. Parker was interested in the comment on his speech made by President Eliot, of Harvard. In an interview in the World Dr. Eliot said that the speech would have been improved had it been written long hand instead of dictated to a stenographer.

Mr. Parker's style when he writes with a pen is much more terse and expressive than his judicial style, which he acquired in dictating opinions to a stenographer. His telegram to Mr. Sheehan and his autograph letters which have been printed during the campaign are illustrations of clear, direct expression. He is now at work on the long draft of the letter of acceptance, which he dictated, and the result may be a complete rewriting.

John N. Bogart, well known in New York labor circles, called at Roosevelt today. Mr. Bogart has been one of the State organizers of the American Federation of Labor. He is an old friend of Mr. Parker's and has done valuable service in previous campaigns. Mr. Bogart was also a warm friend and adviser of the late Henry George. He is familiar with Mr. Parker's labor record and will aid in the presentation of it to the public through campaign documents and speeches.

Another caller was Congressman Slayden, of Texas, who said:

"Judge Parker strikes me as the highest type of an American gentleman, by which I mean a grade farmer, what in the South we call a first-class planter."

Congressman Shirley, of Louisville, another visitor, said:

"Kentucky is in no sense debatable this year. The congressional delegation will be the same as before."

Other visitors were Col. P. M. Pearsall, of Raleigh, and Judge Billups, of Oklahoma.

FEARED A BOXER MASSACRE.

Missiary Families Fled for Their Lives From Tamingfu.

Shanghai, Sept. 7.—A revival of Boxerism is reported from Tamingfu, in the southwestern part of Pechili Province, 215 miles from Tientsin. Over twenty American missionaries, including women and children, have been obliged to evacuate Tamingfu owing to an intended massacre on the part of the Boxers, who call themselves "Tsiayun."

The local telegraph company refused to transmit a message from these missionaries to American Minister Conger at Peking, but an English friend in Honan forwarded their message, whereupon Yuan Shika, Viceroy of Pechili Province, dispatched urgent orders for their protection.

MAD SULTAN DEAD.

Many Believed He Was Quite as Sane as His Brother.

Constantinople, Sept. 7.—Ex-Sultan Murad V. died yesterday of diabetes, from which he had long suffered. His body was interred in the Yenidjama Mausoleum at Stamboul where his mother is buried.

Murad V. was the thirty-third sovereign of the House of Osman. He was born in 1840 and ascended to the throne after the murder of the Sultan Abdul Aziz in May, 1876. In July of that year his brother, the present Sultan, was made regent, and on Aug. 31 Murad was deposed.

SHOOTS MAN AND A WOMAN.

La Porter, Pa., Sept. 7.—In an argument as to which one should act as escort for Mrs. Samuel Epler on her way to her home last night, Jacob Epler and Frank Yanney, farmers who live near Dunshire, quarrelled. Yanney shot Epler in the neck and the woman in the thigh. Epler died today. Yanney is in jail. He alleges that he acted in self-defense. The shooting took place at the railroad station at Dunshire.

Apathy Causes Republican Alarm

SAME IS VIEWED AS A GOOD OMEN FOR DEMOCRACY.

Babcock Much Worried Over Refusal of Voters to Get in Action—Coward Preparing For Early Issuance of Democratic Text Book.

Washington, Sept. 7.—Both Democratic and Republican leaders express the fear that the coming campaign will not be sufficiently vivid to stir up the voters. This is said to be the inspiration of the Babcock interview a few days ago, in which he declared that the Republicans were in grave danger of losing the House. Usually when Babcock lets out such a wail it is taken as a cry for more "means" to run the campaign, but politicians who have had confidential chats with him say he is in earnest this time and really fears that he will not make a success of the campaign this year. Especially is he anxious about his own seat in Congress, which he is in danger of losing on account of disaffection in the Republican ranks.

Chairman Cowherd, of the Democratic Congressional Committee, is now in New York conferring with the National Committee in regard to issuing the Democratic campaign book, which is expected to be ready next week.

Graham County Republicans

PASS UP MOST OF THE PROMINENT OFFICES TO THE DEMOCRATS.

Several Places Left Vacant on the Ticket—James V. Parks Is Endorsed for Sheriff, and Mitt Sims for Recorder—Refuse to Fuse With People's Ticket.

An arrival from Graham county brings the news that the Republican convention which met at Solomonville on Saturday last endorsed James V. Parks for sheriff, Mitt Sims for recorder, and P. C. Little for Probate Judge.

These three offices have been left vacant on the ticket evidently for the reason that the Republicans in that county considered it "no use." After the three Democrats above named had been endorsed the Republicans proceeded to the nomination of the balance of the ticket.

Tom Smith, of Clifton, was nominated for treasurer, and Lee N. Stratton for District Attorney. Their Democratic opponents are Ben R. Clark, formerly of Cochise county, and C. L. Rawlins, the present Democratic incumbent of the District Attorney's office.

This action of the Republican party in Graham county makes the election of the straight Democratic ticket in that county certain. It is generally conceded that Tom Smith has no chance for the office of Treasurer against Ben R. Clark, and C. L. Rawlins defeated his present opponent two years ago.

The Republican convention nominated a full ticket for Supervisor and the Legislature, but the fact that three of the Democratic candidates were endorsed shows that the party of Roosevelt in Graham county is not confident of success at the ensuing election.

The Republican nominees in Graham county are Frank Dysart, for the council; John Bilby, assembly; Henry Hill, of Clifton, and Fred Hubbard, of Pima, for supervisors; Thos. Smith, recorder; Lee Stratton, district attorney; Frank Garrett, treasurer; Frank Asay, superintendent of public schools. Frank Dysart, who heads the Republican ticket for the council, is one of the pioneers of the Gila valley, and aside from Col. Eagan, of Clifton, is the most prominent Republican in the county. He has held the office of district clerk for more than a dozen years by appointment of the Republican judges; he was once elected treasurer of the county and was sent to the national Republican convention from Arizona four years ago. Frank Dysart has been constantly at the pie counter during all the successive Republican administrations since he arrived in Graham county, and it is right that his party should now insist that he get out and lead the forlorn hope of the party.

SIXTEEN CASTAWAYS DROWNED.

Arden, Arabia, Sept. 7.—A boat containing the captain and sixteen members of the crew who left the British steamer Baron Innerdale, after she went ashore at the Kuria Muria Islands, off the southeast coast of Arabia, capsized, and all the occupants were drowned, with the exception of one boy, who was saved by the natives.

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